



Club Number 3371, District 6540, Chartered June 17, 1944

March 24, 2008

President Christina Dougherty presided at the meeting, led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Four Way Test. **Doug Busby** gave the invocation.

Happy \$'s – Joe Goepfrich, Andy Serafin, Ron Gigliotti, and Liliana Ake had reason to be happy today and contributed to this fundraiser for “Shoes for Kids”

Special Guest Alexander Ake – Alexander is a frequent guest with his mother Liliana and often wears her badge. Today President Dougherty presented him with his very own badge as an honorary junior Rotarian.

Sergeant at Arms – Andy Serafin asked President Dougherty to putt for the club. She did not make a hole-in-one, so we all paid.

Queen of Hearts – Dale Parkison had the winning number today and received tickets to the opening game of the SliverHawks at Coveleski Stadium. **Fred McNulty, Norm Juday, and Bill Kolash** were also winners.

Program – Jim Jessup, Executive Director, Leadership La Porte County

Former teacher at La Porte High School, former State Farm agent, and lifetime community volunteer Jim Jessup spoke about the organization he helped found almost 25 years ago. After serving on its voluntary board of directors for many years, he is now its Director. The organization provides information, training, and help on leadership to the community through its annual leadership class, special non-profit board training, and youth leadership training for high school students. It also supports collaboration among community organizations to bring people together to get things done. The organization has its office at 614 Lincolnway. There are 600 to 700 graduates of the annual leadership classes working in the community as informed citizens and skillful leaders.

Ever the teacher, Jim involved us in an exercise called “You Make the Call” which made the point that there are two things very difficult to do right. 1) Be a good elected official, and 2) Be a good citizen and voter.

Rotary Foundation – Every Year/Every Rotarian/\$100

Linda Knoll, chairman, reported that the club is \$1200 short of its \$4200 for Rotary Year 2007/2008. Our goal must be met by April 30, 2008. Give your check to Linda, made payable to Rotary Foundation.

Web Site – Joe Goepfrich maintains La Porte Rotary’s web site, and needs your help and suggestions to make it the best possible. The site truly is “Our Window to the World” giving Rotarians and non-Rotarians valuable information about Rotary. The site is currently hosted by the Herald Argus; so another host needs to be found as soon as possible. Joe is also looking for a volunteer to assist him with maintaining the site.

La Porte County Literacy Coalition Spelling Bee -- Thursday, March 27– Michigan City Holiday Inn

President Dougherty is proud to have two teams representing La Porte Rotary for this fundraiser for La Porte County Literacy. Spectators and cheerleaders are welcome. The fun begins with cash bar and snacks at 6:00 PM. Team competition begins at 7:00 PM. Rotarians and guests are welcome to cheer on the teams!

4th of July Parade – Tim Gropp is looking for volunteers to co-chair the effort to build a joint service project float for the parade with the Kiwani’s club. Contact Tim to volunteer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: LILIANA AKE, MIKE ARNETT, JIM BLINT, DOUG BUSBY, CHRISTINA DOUGERTY, RON GIGLIOTTI, MARV GOAD, JOE GOEPFRICH, TIM GROPP, JUDY HAMILTON, NORM JUDAY, LINDA KNOLL, BILL KOLASH, BRIAN NELSON, CHARLES NYE, DALE PARKISON, JOHN PROVAN, DAVE REES, MIKE SEITZ, ANDY SERAFIN, DEB VARNAK, ED VOLK, SCOTT WEST. **PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS** – MARINA AND DENNIS ZYDEK, FRED MCNULTY. **VISITING ROTARIAN AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBER** – ARTHUR SMITH FROM THE PORTAGE CLUB. **GUESTS** -- STEPHANIE KUZIDYM AND BEN WINSKI FROM LA PORTE HIGH SCHOOL. .